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1. The information disclosure statement filed September 24, 2007 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.97(d) because it lacks a statement as specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e). It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered.

Applicant stated that the instant IDS was being filed during the pendency of the appeal brief. The Examiner respectfully submits that the IDS was filed after final Office action on September 30, 2006. Therefore, Applicant is required to submit a statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e) and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p). See 37 CFR 1.97(d) and MPEP 609. In the instant case, Applicant failed to submit the required statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e). As noted from the Supplementary European Search Report cited in the IDS, the date of citation of the EPO was October 24, 2006, *i.e.*, more than three months from the above filing date of the instant IDS.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vinh T. Luong whose telephone number is 571-272-7109. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday.

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